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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on fresh and frozen whole turkeys was mixed, generally steady. Frozen not well tested with only limited trading noted. Fresh hens and toms continue to find fairly good movement for the holiday. Fresh sales in the Central and Western regions for Thanksgiving totaled 969,400 pounds of hens with a weighted average of 83.28 cents and 773,040 pounds of toms with a weighted average of 78.59 cents. Tom breast meat trading active, balance of trading for bulk parts and meats light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand mixed with tom drums finding the most activity. Most buyers remain cautious and taking a wait and see attitude toward the market.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 08, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	73	73.00	16	-	-	-	120	NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	68.5	68.50	12	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	68.5	68.50	20	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 09, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	73.60**	80.90
CENTRAL REGION	74.50	74.67	80.50
WESTERN REGION	74.96	72.53	80.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00**	69.00**	73.47
CENTRAL REGION	67.74	66.50	72.00
WESTERN REGION	67.15	68.19	73.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-NOV-2001

		(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	86.53	6414	81.84	7098
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	86.53	6414	81.84	7098
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1240		1920

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER 507,594*
NOVEMBER 1-3, 2001 48,304*

To date 2001 4,427,058*
To date 2000 4,525,040*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Nov-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>				<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	1,026	2	21.89	(A)	1,030
SATL	1,023	17	25.46	(A)	1,027
N CENT	2,710	12	28.50	(A)	2,714
S CENT	495	19	21.14	(A)	499
WEST	607	6	23.35	(A)	611
U.S.TOTAL	5,861(B)	11	25.66	20	5,881
TO DATE					
2001	212,969(B)			526	213,495
TO DATE					
2000	215,492(B)			1,194	216,686

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 60,000; for the year 2,039,000; last year to date 1,441,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 03-Nov-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,513	3,288	60	20	5,881
AVG WT	15.93	33.08	25.69	29.57	25.66
LAST WEEK	2,226	2,957	89	14	5,286
SAME WK YR AGO	2,767	3,417	45	36	6,265
AVG WT	16.10	31.22	23.85	26.06	24.46
TO-DATE/2001	88,891	122,039	2,039	526	213,495
TO-DATE/2000	214,051(A)		1,441	1,194	216,686

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 NOVEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to instances weak with instances of increased confidence noted, full-cut wings steady, necks steady at best, and 2-joint wings were barely steady. Domestic bulk parts demand was light as the industry concentrates on November holiday items. Export demand was light to fair, best on tom drums. Offerings of full-cut wings light, necks adequate, tom drums readily available with some indicating that inventories were starting to move into a better balance. Domestic trading was active on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for the Thanksgiving holiday, balance light. Export trading was light and centered on tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.33	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	139.00-154.00		140.78	908
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	98.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.22	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	33.25	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	91
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	33.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	49.00	17
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	5
NECKS, HEN		F	30.00	57
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	140.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	148.50-150.00		149.25	80
THIGH MEAT		W	72.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00		68.00	76
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	130.00		130.00	8
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	135.42	380
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	143.00		143.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	83.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.43	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		15.57	280

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-33.00		32.80	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.50	108
TAILS		F	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.00		13.56	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00		71.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 NOVEMBER 2001.

Undertone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was barely steady to weak, wing meat with skin fully steady, breast trim and scapula steady at best. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin demand was light at best with buyers generally unaggressive for the readily available offerings. Demand on wing meat was fair and light on the balance of trims. Offerings light. Thigh meat demand was light to fair with offerings generally held with confidence. Market activity on mechanically separated turkey showed signs of improvement, however, offerings continued readily available. Domestic trading was active on tom breast meat at lower trending prices, balance light. Scapula traded at 128 and frozen destrapped tenderloins at 130 cents transferred-in-storage. Export demand was mixed with drums the most active. Trading light. Fresh tom drums traded at 31-32, mostly 31.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.33	60	106.33	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	140.78	908	140.69	915
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	98.00	20	98.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	32.22	45	33.55	246
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	32.00		32.00	40	32.83	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	20	31.62	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.50-39.00		38.75	80	38.87	150
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	35	35.00	166
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	20	32.35	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20	49.54	37
NECKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	40	38.11	45
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	20	30.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	134.00-140.00		134.38	640	134.38	640
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	145.50-150.00		147.43	140	150.19	640
THIGH MEAT	71.00-74.00		73.50	48	73.56	688
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	72.00		72.00	30	68.52	282
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	130.00	40	130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	130.00		130.00	20	126.30	108
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	132.00		132.00	80	132.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	143.00	24	145.75	89
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	82.00-83.00		82.67	60	82.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	80	15.42	800
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-34.00		32.86	186	33.94	1,138
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104	29.25	212
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.50		14.13	268	13.93	412
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	120	69.44	360

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